New Posts created in Vernacular Schools.

97. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how the new posts on the scale of Rs. 30-50 created in the Vernacular Branch of the Education Department by the Standardisation Report are to be filled up and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to recruit teachers from English Schools for these posts?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) According to service and qualifications.

(*b*) The matter has not yet been considered.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I take it from the answer that the amount of pay will not be taken into consideration with regard to these posts?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): As I said, the matter has not yet been considered.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): It is stated in the answer that the principle will be service and qualification. Am I to understand that the amount of pay will not be taken into consideration?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Pblic Instruction*): Well, pay will depend either on service or qualification. Therefore there is no need for pay being considered as a separate item.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Are there enough number of places for promotion in the new scale?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Pblic Instruction*): There may be; the matter has not yet been considered.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether, for purposes of promotion, the two branches, *viz.*, the Vernacular branch and English branch are treated together or separately?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No; they are not treated separately.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) Is there any place in the English branch of the Education Department interchangeable with any place in the Vernacular branch?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Pblic Instruction*): A Vernacular High School Headmaster, for instance, may belong to the First or Second Grade of teachers in the English Schools. Those places are interchangeable.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): May I know whether a teacher who teaches a particular subject in an English School has been made to do the work of teaching in a Malayalam School and *vice versa*.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, for example, in the Vernacular High School at Tiruvalla, there

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are some teachers who have been transferred from the English Schools.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Is it a fact that all subjects other than English are taught in the Vernacular in the English Middle Schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Are these schools still called English Schools?

MR C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, they are called English Middle Schools.

Fall in the price of cocoanuts.

98. ***MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to the abnormal fall in the price of cocoanuts and the consequent economic distress in the State:

(*a*) whether they have taken steps for pressing upon the attention of the Imperial Government the necessity of immediate help being rendered to the Travancore ryots and, if so, what; and

(*b*) what action was taken by Government to give effect to the resolution passed by the Sri Chitra State Council in May 1934 urging the abolition of the export duty on copra and cocoanut products?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) The matter has been placed before the Government of India for their very early consideration.

(*b*) The resolution was partly accepted. In pursuance of the same, the tariff values of copra, cocoanuts, cocoanut oil and *punnac*, for the purposes of levy of export duty, were reduced as follows with effect from the 1st Chingam 1110:—

Copra from Bh. Rs. 16 to Bh. Rs. 10 per cwt.
Cocoanuts from Bh. Rs. 48 to Bh. Rs. 30 per thousand.
Cocoanut oil from Bh. Rs. 12 to Bh Rs. 8 per cwt.
Punnac from Bh. Rs. 5 to Bh. Rs. 3 per cwt.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): With regard to answer to part (*a*), may I know from the member whether our Government have received any communication from the Government of India to say that the matter is receiving their consideration?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): As far as I am aware, no reply has been received.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Sir, to an identical question raised before the House during the last meeting of the Assembly, it was replied that the Government of India have been addressed on the matter. I want to know whether any further action has been taken by our Government.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): This Government have sent reminders to the Government of India on the matter.

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